

QUIET NECESSARY FOR THE SCHOOLS, TEACHERS DECLARE

Lengthy Petition to Go
to Congress Through
Board of Education.

Confidence Is Expressed
in Superintendent
and Trustees.

"Quiet is really necessary for the schools."

This is the final argument in the petition which will be presented between now and Friday to the Senate School Committee by more than 90 per cent of the white teachers of the District, who are asking Congress not to interfere with the Board of Education.

The petition which has been in circulation some days, and about which there has been considerable discussion, reached President Oyster, of the board, last night and at the regular meeting of that body this afternoon it will be ordered transmitted to Congress.

The paper goes through the board on account of a rule which prohibits any teacher or body of teachers petitioning Congress direct. Board members, therefore, will transmit it with the statement that the board itself has had nothing to do with the origin or circulation of the petition and has no comment to make thereupon. The petition, which is addressed to Senator Burkett, reads:

Wording of Petition.

"We, the undersigned teachers, wish to express to your committee our confidence in the ability and integrity of the present Board of Education and Superintendent, A. T. Stuart, and Assistant Superintendent P. M. Hughes, all of whom have invariably manifested marked interest in the welfare of the schools."

"We most respectfully ask that the present law remain unchanged until it has had a fair trial."

"Quiet is really necessary for the schools."

Similar petitions are being circulated today in the colored graded schools and the high schools. It is hoped to have these petitions also in the hands of the board by this afternoon's meeting, in which event the entire lot, containing probably the signatures of 1,500 of the 1,700 teachers, will be sent to Congress.

Captain Oyster's Comments.

Captain Oyster said this morning: "In view of the petition of the teachers and the report of the subcommittee from the Board of Trade recommending that any change in school administration is inexpedient at the present time, it seems that Congress would hesitate before attempting to make any radical change. It seems to me that the law and the board should have a fair trial and that school conditions should be allowed to quiet themselves."

It is understood that the report of the Board of Trade's subcommittee will be indorsed fully by that body at its regular meeting tonight. Captain Oyster said this morning that it was his understanding that the Chamber of Commerce might also appoint an investigating committee to report on local school conditions.

It is the purpose of both the teachers and the Board of Trade to submit their respective recommendations to the Senate and House committees before the consideration of the various school bills Friday.

Meetings Planned For Discussion of The School System

The Chamber of Commerce committee on public schools has decided to hold two open meetings tomorrow and Friday afternoons to give anyone wishing to testify an opportunity to be heard.

The committee has already examined all of the supervising principals of the schools and it is understood that they have without exception declared for a longer trial of the present school law. A great volume of testimony has been taken.

Dr. Channellor has been invited to appear before the committee, if he so desires, and any others interested in the schools may be heard. After these two meetings it is the intention of the committee to frame a report for early transmittal to the chamber.

The similar committee of the Board of Trade at its meeting last night concluded its labors, temporarily at least, by adopting a resolution that it is inexpedient to make any change in the law or in the administration of the schools at the present time.

This resolution will be reported to the board of trade at its meeting at Rauscher's tonight with the recommendation that it be adopted and transmitted to the District Committees of the House and Senate.

In the discussion leading to the adoption of the resolution it was the general opinion that the schools and the system should be left alone until ample

PRIZE CATS ON EXHIBITION, ARISTOCRATIC ANGORAS AND PERSIANS NOW IN CAT SHOW

"PETIE," OWNED BY MRS. MATHIS.



MRS. STROH HOLDING "BUNNY."

MRS. WILMARTH AND HER WHITE ANGORA "PLUFF."

Domestic Beauties Conspicuous—Many Prize Winning Visitors.

The fourth annual cat show, under the auspices of the Washington Cat Club, opened this morning at 1455 New York avenue, and will continue through next Saturday. Domestic felines as well as visitors from far off were conspicuous in the exhibit today, and from early morning until the cats were securely housed in their own cages there was more "meowing" going on in the neighborhood of Fourteenth street and New

York avenue than has been heard in many a year.

Judging from the exhibits made by Washington cat lovers, the craze for these prize pets is growing fast in the Capital. Members of the club, and many friends of members, were on hand this morning to look after their special pets.

A big yellow fluffy Angora sat purring contentedly opposite a little feline who, to the amateur, looked like an ordinary "alley" cat. But the insignificant pussy had a pedigree twice as long as that of the big yellow fellow. A fine fluffy coat does not always make a prize winner.

Mrs. Henry L. West, president of the club, had her hands full this morning assuring the felines and seeing that they were properly housed. Equally busy was Miss E. L. Burritt, one of the

vice presidents, who has one of the finest collections of prize cats in the city. Other officers of the club are Miss E. L. Tibbets, recording secretary; Mrs. M. J. S. Monroe, corresponding secretary; George H. Burpee, treasurer, with the following vice presidents: Mrs. A. L. Barber, Miss E. L. Burritt, Mrs. J. C. Haley, Dr. Cecil French, Miss Ada Rhodes, Mrs. Fairfax Harrison, Col. G. W. Paschal, Mrs. A. R. Benson, Mrs. Joshua Adams, and Mrs. James P. Gooch.

Among the cats which attracted particular attention this morning were Miss Burritt's "Columbia Patrick" and "Gonzaga," both beautiful Persians; Mrs. J. C. Haley's "Golden Rod," a white and gold Angora; Miss Annie Gould's "Billy Lee," Mrs. Wilmarth's huge white Angora "Pluff," and Mrs. H. L. Stroh's big silver gray. The cats will be judged today.

time for trial might be had. This meeting also was well attended. At the first meeting of the committee on the Board of Trade yesterday, called by Chairman Edwin C. Brandenberg, A. P. Crenshaw was elected vice chairman and Walter C. Halderston, secretary.

Citizens Ask for Change In Supervision of Schools

Declaring that the supervision of the schools in Washington is too widely distributed, with a consequent lack of effective administration, the West Washington Citizens' Association has prepared a resolution asking that Congress make an investigation and remedy the existing conditions.

The association elected the following officers: Creed M. Fulton, president; Charles A. Baker, first vice president; W. E. Pickford, second vice president; A. J. Leonard, secretary; J. Sherler, treasurer, and Charles R. Morris, press agent.

Reorganization, Not Inquiry, For Trouble in Schools, Declares Senator Carter

Senator Carter, of the Senate District Committee, and a member of the subcommittee in charge of the school

inquiry, said he was opposed to the proposed inquiry, and hoped there would be none.

"I do not believe in raking up all this matter about the schools," he declared. "It is useless to stir up the scandal, and does the schools nothing but harm. How can the children in the schools accomplish anything with all this turmoil and disturbance in their ears? If anything is done, it should be to pass legislation changing the organization of the school system here. If such legislation is to pass it should come quickly, and without making any inquiry into the various complaints. If that is not done, then things should be allowed to settle down."

MANUFACTURERS ELECT AND FINISH BUSINESS

The election of officers was the final business transacted at the meeting of the Independent Manufacturers' Association of America at the Willard Hotel yesterday. The following officers were elected: President, Hugh Campbell, Richmond, Va.; vice president, William E. Stinger, Louisville, Ky.; secretary, treasurer, R. F. Whalen, Rochester, N. Y.; directors, S. S. Bloch, Wheeling, W. Va.; George T. Brown, Winston-Salem, N. C.; C. D. Larvis, Richmond, Va.; Albert Weisert, St. Louis, Mo.; Hiram D. Miller, Philadelphia, Pa.

WASHINGTON SIXTEENTH IN POSTOFFICE LIST

Washington stands sixteenth on the list of the fifty largest postoffices in the country for the month of December, with receipts aggregating \$129,323.32, as compared to \$129,137.42 for the corresponding month of the preceding year.

The five largest cities are New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, and St. Louis, in the order named. New York shows receipts for the month of \$1,332,583.10, an increase of \$23,402.61 over December, 1906. San Francisco, with an increase of 21.61 per cent, made the largest gain on a percentage basis. Boston, with a gain of 13.56 per cent, stands next.

But five offices, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Buffalo, N. Y.; Louisville, Ky., and Allegheny, Pa., show decreases, of which Cincinnati shows the largest falling off in receipts.

The total gross postal receipts for the fifty largest offices in the country for the month of December was \$3,790,743.31, compared to \$3,718,913.37 for December, 1906, a gain of \$71,829.94.

A CONSTANT ANNOYANCE

Half the nervousness, half the irritability that is so common in everyday life, is really sickness, and in most cases a condition that accompanies kidney trouble.

It is the work of the kidneys to keep the blood free from uric acid and other poisons, but when the kidneys are sick, and not doing their duty, the uric acid poison permeates the body, and attacks body, brain, and nerves. The irritation causes nervousness, irritability, headache, dizzy spells; makes you languid, unfit for work, and inclined to worry over trifles. Besides, there is nothing more annoying than a bad back, and backache is the most common sign of kidney trouble. You feel lame and tired in the morning, suffer day and night with a dull aching in the back, and it hurts to stoop or bend or lift.

Keep your temper cool, and get the kidneys well. No person can feel cheerful and healthy if the kidneys are the least bit affected. A few doses of Doan's Kidney Pills, taken in the beginning, will set the kidneys right.



Continued treatment cures cases of long standing. Doan's Kidney Pills are for the kidneys only, and contain no poisonous nor habit-forming drugs. They relieve congestion and inflammation of the kidneys or bladder, heal and cure the kidney tissues, drive off dangerous uric poisons, dissolve and remove gravel, and rid the body of all watery waste.

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A Washington Case

John O'Neal, 1529 Sixth street northwest, Washington, D. C., says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills in 1903, and they cured me of a lame and aching back, from which I had suffered for many years, so bad at times that I could not stoop, or lift an empty water pail without suffering and some days I could hardly get my clothing on. The trouble seemed to be more severe right across the small of my back and it pained me greatly at night. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills highly recommended, got a box of them at Stevens' Pharmacy, used them according to directions, and was completely cured. The trouble has not bothered me since, although it is now April 15, 1907."

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HIS ARM TORN OFF FROM ENGINE'S CAB

B. & O. Employee Narrowly
Escapes Death as Locomotive
Scraps.

Leaning from the cab of his engine as it ran through a switch at First and K streets this morning, grazing the side of another engine, Edwin McNamara, a Baltimore and Ohio fireman, had his right arm literally torn from his body. McNamara was looking toward the rear of the train as the engine took the switch. A collision was narrowly averted with the other locomotive. The grating of the boilers as they came together first warned McNamara of his danger. Turning, he saw what appeared to be an inevitable collision. Before he had an opportunity to free himself from the perilous position, his right arm was caught and crushed between the two engines.

With his left hand he managed to hold to the cab while the locomotive moved on, crushing the arm first, and then tearing it from the body. The fireman was carried to the Casualty Hospital in an ambulance, and an operation performed immediately. The physicians say his condition is critical.

McNamara was about twenty-eight years old and lived at 48 Q street northwest.

CROSSTOWN LINES MAY BE IN BILL

Tentative decision was reached today by the House District Committee to require the Capital Traction Company to build a cross-town street railway line from Seventh street and Florida avenue northwest to Pennsylvania avenue southeast.

The committee will meet again tomorrow at 10 a. m. and take a final vote on whether to include the proposition in the bill giving the street railways access to the new Union Station. It is thought that the bill will be put into the House next Monday.

Representative Shackelford of Missouri notified the committee this morning that he will attempt, both in the committee and on the floor of the House, to amend the bill so as to require a 3-cent fare in the District.

COMMITTEES NAMED FOR MINE WORKERS

Patrick Dolan at Conven-
tion to Fight to Re-
gain Seat.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 22.—The second day's session of the nineteenth annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America was called to order at 9 o'clock, with President John Mitchell in the chair.

The following committees were appointed: Committee on officers' reports—George Hartlein, district No. 9, chairman. Committee on resolutions—W. R. Fairley, district No. 20, chairman. Committee on constitution—Chris Evans, district No. 6, chairman. Committee on appeals and grievances—John Sullivan, district No. 2, chairman. Committee on scale—John H. Walker, district No. 12, chairman. Committee to assign resolution—W. B. Wilson, district No. 2, chairman.

Several special committees also were appointed. Patrick Dolan, former president of district No. 5, Pennsylvania, who was expelled from the organization in 1906, for voting with the operators at a wage scale conference, arrived in Indianapolis today, and says he will make an effort to regain his seat as a delegate. His name is still carried on the books of his local, and his dues are paid and he is local at Reading, Pa., insists on his being seated, the case will go to the committee on appeals and grievances.

GIFT OF S. KANN, SONS & CO. ENCOURAGES COMMITTEE

S. Kann, Sons and Co. have encouraged the joint finance committee by the gift of \$300, to be divided between the Associated Charities, the Citizens' Relief Association, and the Committee on the Prevention of Consumption. Other contributions not assigned definitely to any of the three charities will be divided between them in proportion to their approved budgets. Of these accounts 54 per cent have been transferred to the Associated Charities, 30 per cent to the Citizens' Relief Association, and 16 per cent to the tuberculosis committee.

ROADS OF FRANCE.

There are in France 23,656 miles of national routes, which cost \$308,975,000 to build. There are also 216,886 miles of local highways, built at a total cost of \$308,800,000, of which the state furnished \$81,000,000 and the interested localities \$227,800,000.

CHAPLAIN BROWN TRANSFERRED.

Capt. Henry A. Brown, chaplain Third Field Artillery, has been transferred to the corps of engineers, to take effect May 10, to relieve Chaplain Pierce at the Washington barracks. Chaplain Pierce will be relieved on that date on account of his inability to take the horseship test.

DYSPEPSIA-PROOF

How Any Meal Can Be Thoroughly Enjoyed by Any Stomach.

Men, as a rule, are first discovered by their enemies. Their antagonists turn on the searchlight, and the proof of merit will lie in being able to stand the test.

It was only in this way that Mr. White ever knew that dyspepsia was one of Mr. Black's worst enemies. Sitting face to face at a two-by-four table, he handed his afflicted friend the bill of fare:

Oyster Cocktail. Stuffed Olives. Boston Clam Chowder. Strained Gumbo. Sirloin Steak with Mushrooms. Roast Beef Hash. Boiled Ox Tongue with Sauerkraut. Lobster à la Newburg. Baked Pork and Beans. Combination Crab Salad. Hot Mince Pie.

Pineapple Fritters. Mr. White ordered a "little of each." Mr. Dyspepsia Black ordered crackers and a glass of milk. "I had such a big breakfast this morning," he said, "that I'll just take a bite to keep you company." But Mr. White could not be deceived. "I am afraid you can't stand the gleam, Mr. Black. Why don't you say you have dyspepsia and be done with it? You'll always have that hungry look anyhow as long as you have dyspepsia. Now listen. My stomach was in just as bad condition as yours at one time. But now I can eat anything, at any time. For instance, this clam chowder or sirloin steak or even the lobster would be just as welcome to my stomach as your crackers and milk. I don't realize how this dyspepsia business is robbing you of your spirit, of your energy and ability to think quickly. I can't help notice it. You haven't the cheer and sociability you had three months ago. Now I'll tell you what to do, and then eat the cheerful Mr. White took a vial from his pocket and extracted a wee tablet. "There, there is a tablet that contains an ingredient, one grain of which digests 5,000 grains of food. For even the worst dyspeptic it's the only thing that really gives relief. The reason is it relieves the stomach of nearly all the work it has to do, digests everything in the stomach and stimulates the gastric juice. I can't get along without them. They are Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. You can get them anywhere on earth for 50c a package."

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\$1.00 values	\$1.49 values	\$1.75 values	\$2.98 values
Others up to \$2.98. Worth up to \$4.98.			

Sample Gowns from Baker Mills

44c	69c	79c	98c
79c values	\$1.25 values	\$1.50 values	\$1.75 values
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Sample Chemise from Baker Mills

38c	49c	98c	\$1.49
69c values	79c values	\$1.75 values	\$2.48 values
Others up to \$2.98. Worth up to \$3.98.			

Sample Drawers from Baker Mills

18c	22c	38c	59c
25c values	35c values	59c values	98c values
Others up to \$2.48. Worth up to \$3.98.			

Sample Covers from Baker Mills

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49c values	49c values	79c values	\$1.25 values
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